



COPY

PTO/SB/08a/b (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/31/2005. OMB 0551-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/B/PTO				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	09/824,554-Conf. #9695
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Filing Date	April 2, 2001
				First Named Inventor	Junsaku Nakajima
				Art Unit	2655
				Examiner Name	N. Z. Hindi
				Attorney Docket Number	55784(70551)
Sheet	1	of	1		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.*	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
1/11	AA*	US-5,572,507	11-05-1996	Kazuhiisa Ozaki, et al.	
1/11	AB*	US-6,760,299-B1	07-06-2004	Junsaku Nakajima, et al.	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.*	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ²
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
1/11	BA	JP-03-141032	06-17-1991	—		✓
1/11	BB	JP-05-205276	08-13-1993	—		✓
1/11	BC	JP-05-290379	11-05-1993	—		✓
1/11	BD	JP-06-215380	08-05-1994	—		✓
1/11	BE	JP-07-272282	10-20-1995	—		✓
1/11	BF	JP-08-153331	06-11-1996	—		✓
1/11	BG	JP-60-242532	12-02-1985	—		✓
1/11	BH	JP-2000-048478	02-18-2000	—		✓
1/11	BI	JP-2001-076347	03-23-2001	—		✓
1/11	BJ	CA-2085974	06-22-1994	—		✓

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. *CITE NO.: Those application(s) which are marked with an single asterisk (*) next to the Cite No. are not supplied (under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii)) because that application was filed after June 30, 2003 or is available in the IFW. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. Abstract, partial translation or corresponding English language patent document.

NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials	Cite No.*	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Examiner Signature	Nabil Hindi	Date Considered	12/6/05
-----------------------	-------------	--------------------	---------

BEST AVAILABLE COPY